Subject: University of Michigan-Dearborn Science Building Addition Phase One of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project

Action Requested: Approval of Schematic Design

Background:

At the June 2001 meeting, the Regents granted project approval and appointment of The Stubbins Associates for the design of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Science Building Addition and Renovation, Phase One of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project. At the December 2002 meeting, the Regents approved the modified scope and the revised project budget of $9,600,000; however, the project remained on hold pending the purchase of the Ford Training and Development Center (FTDC). The FTDC purchase has been completed. We are now ready to move forward with the Science Building Addition, Phase One of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project. The project is part of the $55,000,000 FY2002 State Capital Outlay request for the Dearborn Campus.

A 29,000 gross square foot building is proposed. The facility will be two floors plus a penthouse level, and will consist of approximately 15,000 net square feet of space. This new facility will provide undergraduate and graduate students with modern teaching and research laboratories, a multi-purpose lecture hall, and the opportunity to engage in sponsored research projects. The renovations of the original Science Building that were included in the December 2002 Action Request are no longer feasible within the project budget.

The cost of the project is estimated to be $9,600,000. Through its Building Authority, the State will fund seventy-five percent of the cost of the project. The University of Michigan-Dearborn will fund the balance of the project (twenty-five percent). The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall 2004 and be completed in Winter 2006.

We recommend the Regents approve the schematic design for the University of Michigan-Dearborn Science Building Addition, Phase One of the Science and Engineering Expansion and Renovation Project as presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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